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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I APPRECIATE YOUR
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THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF THE CARDINAL IMPORTANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO STRONG TIES WITH GREECE. I STAND READY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU IN STRENGTHENING THOSE RELATIONS.

ANOTHER GOAL WE SHARE IS THE RETURN OF GREECE TO THE NATO INTEGRATED MILITARY COMMAND ON A BASIS ACCEPTABLE TO GREECE AND TO THE ALLIANCE. FOR OUR PART, WE INTEND TO GIVE THIS MATTER SPECIAL PRIORITY IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

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WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.
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